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SUBJECT: CHAIRMANSHIP OF UN COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

REFERENCE: A) MOSCOW 1247;B) GENEVA 591

1. PLEASE INFORM BABAYAN THAT IN VIEW OF SOVIET FLEXIBILITY THIS ISSUE, REF. A, WHICH U.S. APPRECIATES, WE WILL SUPPORT CANDIDACY OF MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL BUT WILL ALSO SUPPORT RE-ELECTION OF ALL PRESENT CND BUREAU INCUMBENTS AND RESTORATION OF NORMAL CND PROCEDURES AT 27TH CND. AMBASSADOR VANCE (S/NM) LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETING PROFESSOR BABAYAN FEB. 14 OR 15 IN GENEVA IN ADVANCE OF STEERING GROUP MEETING.

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2. FOR MEXICO: PLEASE PASS SUBSTANCE REF. A TO CASTRO Y CASTRO IN FONOFF. ALSO, PLEASE INFORM ATTORNEY GENERAL OJEDA PAULLADA AND TELL ATTORNEY GENERAL OF VANCE'S FRANK, PERSONAL ESTIMATE THAT WHILE TACIT SOVIET AGREEMENT REPORTED REF. A IS A GOOD OMEN IT IS NOT AS CLEAR CUT AS WE COULD HAVE WISHED. DETERMINING FACTOR WILL BE POSITION TAKEN BY BABAYAN AT STEERING GROUP MEETING EVENING FEB. 15. U.S. IS NOW SOLICITING SUPPORT FOR OJEDA'S CANDIDACY AMONG KEY CND MEMBERS. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS PLANS TO INVITE MEXICAN

REPRESENTATIVE TO STEERING GROUP MEETING, PROBABLY CASTRO, AS ONLY ONE REPRESENTATIVE PER DELEGATION IS INVITED. EVEN THOUGH ELECTION IS NOT ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN, VANCE BELIEVES OJEDA WOULD HAVE GOOD REASON TO PLAN TO GO TO GENEVA BY FEB. 15.

3. FYI: RE VANCE-ALBERTI TELECONS FEB. 4 AND 5, WE APPRECIATE OJEDA'S REITERATION TO ALBERTI OF HIS INTENT REMAIN GENEVA FOR FULL TWO WEEKS OF CND MEETING, IF ELECTED. HE REALIZES ALL CND MEMBERS WHO WOULD SUPPORT HIS CANDIDACY EXPECT THIS. ALSO, THAT IF HE DEPARTED, THE SOVIET FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN WOULD BECOME ACTING CHAIRMAN AND WOULD NOT THEREBY LOSE HIS RIGHT TO DEFINITIVE ELECTION AS CHAIRMAN NEXT YEAR. MOREOVER, MEXICO AND USG WOULD BE SERIOUSLY EMBARRASSED. KISSINGER

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